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AWARD PROGRAM ANNOUNCED TO RECOGNIZE BOY SCOUT CONSERVATION EFFORTS

The United States Department of Agriculture and Interior in cooperation with the Boy Scouts of America will make individual and unit awards to Boy Scouts who participate in the Boy Scout good turn conservation program for 1954 which began officially on March 21.

Twelve scouts who make outstanding contributions to the program will be selected to receive certificates of National Conservation Achievement. The certificates will be presented to the scouts by President Eisenhower when they report to him during Boy Scout Week in 1955. President Eisenhower, a member of the Boy Scout Executive Board, suggested the conservation effort to the scouts.

All units actively participating in the good turn program will receive a certificate signed by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture.

The programs carried on by individuals or units may include such projects as building a farm pond, planting trees, seeding highway embankments, cleaning up litter in a public park, planning an exhibit or showing movies to stimulate interest in conservation.

Helping the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts set up their program are the Forest Service, Soil Conservation Service, and Extension Service in the Department of Agriculture, National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Reclamation Service, Geological Survey, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Mines, and Bureau of Land Management in the Department of the Interior.

Field personnel of all these agencies are ready to help boys and units select a worthwhile project in their locality and to give technical assistance in carrying it out.

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